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My reason for sending this is to try & help Matthew to learn a little about our departed relations.

I think it best to tell you George, when you have time you may find a fresh point of interest to add to yours, it would be nice to explain to Matthew.

Lately Gladys Peter-Budge - sister to Ted Daws wrote & asked if you finished the Family Tree. If so she would also like some help with hers, if you have anything fresh to report. I know you helped each other some time ago.

I will write a few particulars, & you may see an odd item of interest. Only Stevens family now, & later Daws family if you need my poor help.

Your Great Grandpa William Stevens was born in Sussex England in 1829. Can you imagine he would be 151 years old now. He went to the Crimean War in 1854 when he was 25 years old. I always thought he was in the Navy as Grandma had beautiful flags worked in silk & framed, & as a child I remembered her saying "Ben at sea like to do fine work when not on duty". Could you ask the British Navy if lists of crew members were kept. Matthew may like to enquire.

Great Grandpa Stevens was badly wounded, &

nearly lost his leg. When well enough he came to Australia, & met & married Great Grandma at Belfast which has now reverted to its former title of Port Fairy. I have a small Book about it, but can't wait to read it again now.

Great Grandma Stevens was born in London England, her maiden name was Susan Davis. She was born in 1837 and died on 25th October 1911.

They had a family of five.

Emily, George, Annie, Maude and Arthur.

My cousin Emily married, & had a daughter Florry, and two sons William and Arthur.

I know very little of this family as their Mother Emily died quite young. Grandpa Grandma, Aunt Annie, & Aunt Maude cared for them until they grew up. We were too young to know much, & I don't even remember having even seen them, but Aunt Maude & Aunt Ann often spoke about them in their letters to us.

Did you notice I spell Maude two ways. It was Maude for many years, & then she altered it to Maude. Why I never heard. Something official I think.

For days I have thought, & thought, & could not recall Aunt Emily's su name. I always felt

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they were still Stevens, but it could not be seeing Emmily married. Any way when I was half awake yesterday morning I suddenly said, Arthur Anderson several times, & felt I had found the answer. I hope I am right.

Arthur Anderson was a soldier in the 1914-1918 war, & lost his arm, but returned to Australia when he was well enough, & brought home a War Bride from Scotland. She was a good wife & helped Arthur run a Poultry Farm. I have an idea her name was Mary.

I know nothing of Will I am sorry to say.

After Nuntie Maude died here in Geelong, my Uncle Arthur went over somewhere near Sydney & lived with Cousin Arthur & his wife until Arthur suddenly died as he was working.

I don't know what happened then. Mary may have gone back to Scotland, or she and Uncle Arthur may have gone into Nursing Homes.

I think you know all particulars about my Mum & Dad. Your Granddad was George Frederick William Stevens Born 6 March 1866 at Belfast Is Vic (Port Fairy) Died 4th Nov 1944 He married Emma Daws born 23rd Oct 1869 at Kingston Vic. They married at parents residence 19th Oct 1893 at "Harlington" Spencers Crescent, Camberwell. Your Grandma (It is East Camberwell now) Died 19 Jan 1959.